

**ORAL HEALTH FLORIDA
SENIOR ACTION TEAM
CONFERENCE CALL**

MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, February 17, 2015
TIME: 1-2 p.m.
CHAIR: Nolan Allen, DDS

Call to Order

Vice-chair Bob Macdonald called the conference call to order at 1:05 p.m., Tuesday, February 17, 2015. He said that the chair would be joining the conference call shortly.

Opening Remarks

The vice-chair welcomed the participants to the OHF Coalition Senior Action Team conference call.

Approval of Minutes (December 2, 2014)

The minutes were approved as distributed.

Oral Health America Tooth Wisdom Program

The vice-chair called on Ms. Corbin for an update on the Oral Health America Health Education Workshops. She said that due to a change in funding appropriations, the program would not be held in May but rescheduled for the November 2015 with a location to be determined.

NECAC Update

The chair provided a report on NECAC activities. He called on Dr. Sabates for an update on the continuing education course to train dentists and staff to deal with the unique oral health problems of the vulnerable elderly in long-term care settings. He recommended a link be established between the OHA Wisdom Tooth Program and course information. He also mentioned that the Virginia Dental Association had developed a Best Practice Guide for dentists interested in working on patients in long-term care facilities.

The chair announced that the Florida Dental Association Foundation would provide a scholarship for a FDA member dentist to take the course. He suggested Dr. Loyce Jones, Gainesville, who provides dental services to the elderly in a senior community, be contacted to take the course.

Florida's Action for Dental Health

The chair gave an update on the Florida Dental Association's action for dental health program. He said that Dr. Don Ilkka was involved in providing oral health care to residents in five nursing homes in Lake County. He also mentioned the FDA was addressing the Medicaid managed care dental program which included the provision of dental care in LTC facilities.

New Business

The chair discussed the current problems with Medicaid eligibles receiving care in nursing homes. The action group said that possibly redirecting funds to the vulnerable elderly could help.

Dates of Next Meeting

The chair said that the next conference call would be scheduled on April 7, 2015.

Adjournment

The OHF Senior Action Team conference call was adjourned at 1:45 p.m., Tuesday February 17, 2015.